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A people which take no pride in
the noble achievements of remote
ancestors, will nevor achieve any-
thing worthy to be remembered by
remote descendants.

McCauley.

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The man who does not know who his
great grandfather was, naturally
enough would not care what he was.
We have pride of ancestry because
we know both who and what.

Charles Major.

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THE CALL FAMILY.

After a long search through all the books available in our Public Library and by correspondence with the Vital Statistics Departments of the Northern New England States and the Registrar of the Daughters of the American Revolution, our own and my cousin's Family Bible, records, scraps of information that my father told about his family, I am convinced that the following family history is as nearly complete as it is possible to make it.

Certain items here recorded may not agree with some family traditions, but the data I offer here is all substantiated by printed records and so I offer it as a provable record of the Calls of America.

In this year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-nine, strange things have happened and are happening in our world. Great stress is laid on "race" in many European countries. Feeling that the time may come when this unhappy state of affairs may reach our shores and it may be necessary for some member of our family to prove his race, I have gathered together this information about our ancestors and lovingly I dedicate it to all of my relatives now living and to those as yet unborn.

Irene Call Mace.

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BEFORE AMERICA:

Our family name is spelled three ways: MacCall in the days of Scotland; Calle in England and, later, the present spelling, Call.

The earliest record is in Arthur Wilson's book, "Life and Times of James I". Upon the death of Elizabeth in 1603, James, son of Mary, Queen of Scots, set out to claim the throne of England. He crossed from Scotland to England at Berwickshire, on the north bank of the river Tweed, "and was greatly delayed by a break in the carriage gear". Douglas MacCalle, the blacksmith, who lived at the ford, was summoned and so well did he mend the damage that MacCalle and his family were forced to accompany the King the rest of the journey, so that should the carriage break again no time would be lost for the need of blacksmith. The King was advised that the taking of Douglas might prove disastrous because MacCalle was a freeman and his wife was of the MacGregors. But the King promised the blacksmith would still be a freeman and amply rewarded for his forced journey. I am convinced this MacCalle, the blacksmith, and his wife, "of the MacGregors" is our ancestor, because in my father's neat handwriting there appears the statement that our ancestor, Douglas Ian MacCall married Ellen MacGregor of Dundee, Scotland.

The next record of Call is found in a small book on Pottery under the title, "London Clay of Kent". This is Thomas Calle of Faversham, Kent County, tile and brick maker and husbandman and our direct

ancestor; possibly the son or grandson of Douglas.

Life in England under Charles I was strenuous and uncertain. In his desperate need to raise money, Charles resorted to all sorts of ways and means. There was the infamous ship money levy. No building was done without permit of the King and the permit was granted at an exorbitant price. The decline in building had its effect on the brick and tile makers. We read that the "great furnaces at Wealdon stood cold and deserted". But the people still farmed and although the country people were forbidden to go to London, there seemed little unrest in the Counties. This was only the lull before the storm. Under Strafford, England was being made subject to a standing army whose chief duty was to get money for the King. The people were literally slaves. A sneer at a nobleman was punished by hanging. Hampton, who publicly refused to pay the Ship money levy, was beheaded. Forests and lands were reclaimed by the nobles, in the name of the King. The oppression of the Puritans was at its height. Cromwell had not yet come forth to save his country when we read in "American Colonists", first series, page 31. that on the eve of May 11, 1637, persons which have secretly taken passage from Sandwich, Kent, for the plantations of America: among the few passengers is Calle, Thomas of Faversham, County Kent, Husbandman, - Bennet his wife and children, Thomas, John and Margaret.

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IN AMERICA:

Thomas Call, his wife and three children were admitted to the Church shortly after they arrived in Boston; which proves that they were Puritans in good standing. In 1637 they were admitted inhabitants of the colony and took up residence "near the Ferry on the Mystic Side of Boston". He was a tile maker and baker and in 1643 petitioned for leave to sell refreshments. (See Wyman Geneologies of Charleston, Mass., Vol. 1, page 166). The English wife, Bennet, died and Thomas married Joanna Shepardson, who died January 30, 1660. Thomas died May 1676 and is buried at Malden, Mass.

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CALL GENEOLOGY

First Generation:

Thomas and wife Bennet had:

Thomas

John, born about 1634 in England.

Margaret

- By his wife, Joanna:

Elizabeth, - married (1) Samuel Tingley, 1663
(2) Dan Sheperdson, 1677

Marcy, baptized Nov. 7, 1643; married (1) Samuel Lee, 1662
(2) John Allen, 1677

John Call spelled Cawle on the roll of Charlestown

Represented Charlestown in 1689

Lieut of Charlestown Co. Recruited in 1682-83 (Page 269 Vol 1

Member of the 1st Church at Charlestown (page 484

from History of Ancient & Honorable Artillery Co. of Mass. by Roberts.

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Second Generation:

John (Ensign) son of Thomas and Bennet: died August 17, 1708.

Was deacon of the Church 1662.

Married Hannah Kettel, June 21, 1656;

Hannah born 1637; died April 19, 1697; daughter of Esther Ward and Richard Kettel, who was a cooper and journeyman. In 1660 Richard Kettel was made sealer of weights and measures.

Children of John Call and Hannah Kettel:

John, baptized July 6, 1662 Born - Jan 20 1658

Thomas, baptized July 6, 1662

Jonathan, born September 2, 1663; died September 25, 1682.

Nathaniel, born January 1 - 17 - 1665.

Mehitable, baptized 1668; married John Rand, 1685.

Caleb, baptized 1670.

Hannah, baptized 1673; married William Hurry, 1689.

Esther, born 1675; married Thomas Frothingham.

Third Generation:

John (Captain), son of John and Hannah (Kettel): Housewright.

Died September 4, 1729.

Married Martha Lowden; Martha, born 1659, died May, 1713.

Children of John Call and Martha Lowden:

Mary, baptized Old South Church, Boston, Mass., 1682.

Martha, baptized Old South Church, Boston, Mass., 1684.

Third Generation - continued:

John, Born November 2, 1687

Hannah, Born March 10, 1694 - married John Diamond, 1717

Jonathan, Born March 10, 1694

Samuel, Born June 6, 1698

Richard, Born June (?), 1703.

Fourth Generation:

Samuel, son of John Call and Martha Lowden:

Heel maker; lived at Oxford, Charleston and Boston (see tax lists),

Married Abigail Sprague, widow of John Heman.

Children of Samuel Call and Abigail Sprague:

Abigail, Born April 11, 1722

Samuel, Born December 17, 1723

Joseph, Born February 11, 1725

James, Born September 2, 1728

Martha, - married June 6, 1757 to Samuel Holden of Marblehead; marriage solemnized at Stoneham, Mass.

Fifth Generation:

James, son of Samuel Call and Abigail Sprague:

Born at Malden, Mass., September 2, 1728, and died in 1807.

He is buried in the Quechy Village cemetery in Vermont.

There is littlo record of James in Massachusetts. He migrated to Vermont and is listed as a soldier of the Revolution and also in the Census of 1790. He married Rebecca Masters.

Fifth Generation: - continued,

Children of James Call and Rebecca Masters:

Abigail,

James, Jr.,

John,

Hannah,

Asa,

Silas,

Luther,

Mary,

Children of James Call and his second wife, Ann Powers:

Jesse, Born Woodstock, Vermont, February 13, 1778.

Joseph, Born Woodstock, Vermont, - 1781.

Enos, Born Woodstock, Vermont, - 1783.

Richard, Born Woodstock, Vermont, - 1786

Alanson, - -

Calvin, - -

Joel, - -

JONATHAN - -

Bureau Vital Statistics, Montpelier, Vermont.

(Imagine being the father of thirteen sons!)

Sixth Generation:

Jesse, son of James Call, Senior, and his wife Ann Powers, was probably named for Captain Jesse Safford, under whom his father served in the Revolutionary War, August, 1777.

Children of Jesse Call and his first wife, name unknown:

Andrew Thomas,	Born April 26, 1801
Sherman,	Born April 15, 1803
Lucy,	Born April 22, 1805
Dolly,	Born April 10, 1807
Wealthy,	Born February 20, 1810
Abigail	Born September 15, 1813
Sarah Ann,	Born March 20, 1815

Data copied from Call Family Bible, July 16, 1853 by Sullivan Wilkins; it was the belief of some members of the family that this man was Sarah Ann Call's husband.

About 1822 he married a daughter of Hiram Horton, Jr., of Malone, New York.

Children of Jesse Call and his second wife, Elizabeth Horton:

Hiram Horton,	Born January 28, 1824, at Jay, New York; died January 10, 1885, at Belleville, Illinois; buried Mount Hope Cemetery, East St. Louis, Illinois.
Jesse James,	Born December 13, 1826.
William Richard,	May 31, 1829; married three times and had eighteen children; guardian of two wards, Arthur Swartz and Malinda (not brother and sister). So numerour were his prodigies, humorously he would pretend not to recognize them on the street and even say, "that is one of mine; no, it is not -- yes, by golly, it is! "
Joseph Gilbert,	Born March 6, 1832

Seventh Generation:

Hiram Horton, son of Jesse Call and Elizabeth Horton; married October 3, 1846, to Mary Elizabeth Jerome; born February 11, 1828, Chazy, New York; died East St. Louis, Illinois, December, 1905; buried Mount Hope Cemetery, East St. Louis, Illinois.

Children of Hiram Horton Call and Mary Elizabeth Jerome:

William LeRoy, born January 17, 1848, at Scranton, Pennsylvania; died November 30, 1851.

Margaret Elizabeth, born July 28, 1849, Scranton, Pennsylvania; married August 18, 1869 to Thomas Jefferson Killian.

Joseph Jesse, born June 11, 1852, Scranton, Pennsylvania; married April 22, 1875, to Laura Witmer, at Montville, Pennsylvania.

Francis William, born May 27, 1855, Keesville, New York; married three times; third marriage September 2, 1892 to Eva D. Barnes, Hammond, Indiana. Died January 11, 1939.

Hiram Ambrose, born August 1, 1858, Scranton, Pennsylvania; died January 3, 1861.

George Washington, born July 4, 1860, Kingston, Pennsylvania; died - 1937, Bakerfield, California. Married Nancy E. Smart, November 26, 1884, Litchfield, Illinois.

NOTE: See pages 11, 12 and 13 for descendants of the Seventh Generation.

Eighth Generation:

Joseph Jesse, son of Hiram Horton Call and Mary Elizabeth Jerome; married Laura Witmer, Montville, Pennsylvania.

Children of Joseph Jesse Call and Laura Witmer:

Zenia Mae, Born February 25, 1876, Oxford, New Jersey; married Arthur Strout, Lynn, Massachusetts; died November, 1910; buried at Nahant, Mass.

Hiram Witmer, Born October 7, 1877, Oxford, New Jersey; married Eva Hartwein, April 29, 1917; died, October 31, 1937, Dayton, Ohio; buried in National Cemetery; served in Spanish American War and in the World War.

Le Roy, Born December 24, 1879, Oxford, New Jersey; married Mary Morton; died October 18, 1938, St. Louis, Missouri; buried New St. Marcus Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri.

David Miles, Born November 25, 1882, East St. Louis, Illinois. Unmarried.

Irene Matilda, Born October 3, 1887, East St. Louis, Illinois.
Married Paul A. Mace, August 16, 1917, Springfield, Illinois.

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DESCENDANTS OF THE SEVENTH GENERATION.

Descendants of Margaret Elizabeth Call and her husband Thomas Jefferson Killian:

1. William Killian, married Louise -- East St. Louis, Illinois.

   Their children: Opal and Garnet, twins. (Opal, deceased)
   Ora.

2. Samuel Killian, married Hattie Warren, East St. Louis, Illinois.

   Their children: Anna, married Guy Simpson, to whom was born Warren Simpson and Robert Simpson.

3. Mary Killian, married Edward Jacobs, East St. Louis, Illinois.

   Their children: Hazel, married Edward Dowling, to whom were born Edward Dowling and Ralph Dowling.

4. Olive Killian, married William Martin, Lancaster, Pennsylvania;

   No issue.

5. Louise Killian, married Thomas Dowling, Maplewood, Missouri.

   No issue.

6. Thomas Jefferson Killian, Jr., married Caroline Koenigstein, Alta Sita, Illinois.

   Their children: Everett Killian married Winifred Mueller.

   Thomas Jefferson Killian, III married Lucille Flittner, to whom was born, Patricia.

Descendants of the Seventh Generation, continued:

Descendants of Joseph Jesse Call and Laura Witmer:

1. Zenia Mae Call, married Arthur Strout, to whom was born Laura Mae Strout, February 25, 1900, who married Earl Knapp, Nahant, Massachusetts:

   Their children: Irene Zenia Knapp, born October 15, 1921, Danvers, Massachusetts. Doris Wendell Knapp, born October 7, 1923, Bridgeport, Ohio.

2. LeRoy Call, married Mary Morton (Call) to whom were born the following children:

   (1) LeRoy Call, Jr., born September 9, 1902, St. Louis, Missouri, married Mildred Harding, November 16, 1929.

   Their children:
   William Roy, born February 14, 1935
   Terence, born December 21, 1936.

   (2) Elmer Morton Call, born June 25, 1908, St. Louis, Missouri, married Amelia Bandera, November 24, 1938.

   (3) Clifford Charles Call, born June 18, 1914, St. Louis, Missouri

   (4) Howard Lee Call, born June 23, 1916, St. Louis, Missouri.

   (5) Douglas Albert Call, born June 25, 1922.

3. Irene Call, married Paul A. Mace, to whom was born:

   Eleanor Mace, born June 19, 1920, Hempstead, New York.

Descendants of the Seventh Generation, continued:

Descendants of Francis William Call and Eva Barnes Call:

1. Frank W., married Lucy - Hammond, Indiana:

   Their children: Francis, George, Dorothy, James and Leona.

2. Ollie K., married Mary Peters, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.
   No issue.

3. Viola M., married LeRoy Whitneck, Du Boiston, Pennsylvania.
   One child, Madaline.

4. Zoe E., married James S. Goodrick, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.
   Children: James, Jr.; Emma; Norma; Robert and Betty.

5. Hiram T., married Beatrice Yager: one child: George B. Call.

6. Eva Sophie, married Stephen Decker, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.
   Children: Charles William; Mary Louise.

7. George B., unmarried, Hammond, Indiana.

8. Leona Esther, married Raymond F. Reed, Williamson, N. Y.
   No issue.

Descendants of George Washington Call and Nancy Smartt Call:

1. Joel Horton Call, born July 6, 1889; died February 10, 1919.
   Chief machinist mate, U. S. S. Liberator, U. S. N.
   Died in the service of his country.
   Unmarried.

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MARY ELIZABETH JEROME

wife of

HIRAM HORTON CALL

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It has been most difficult to piece together the history of this ancestor whom I knew better than any other of my immediate relatives. My mother once told me that my brother, LeRoy, was given the name of Grandma Call's mother, who was born Margarette LeRoy. In the census of 1700 we find the Jeromes and the LeRoys living as neighbors, but which of the LeRoy's was our paternal ancestor there is no way to determine. Nor are there any records kept either by the Church or the State of that early period. The following is all that could be learned.

In the days when the Upper Champlain Valley was still a part of French Canada, a pioneer named Francis Jerome settled near the Ausable Chasm in what today is known as Clinton County, New York. There is no record of the wife's name but there was a son named William Joseph who married Margarette LeRoy.

Of this marriage two children were born. Mary Elizabeth on February 11, 1828 and Phillip. Orphaned at an early age, Mary was placed in the home of a relative where she was taught to do fine needle work, an art in which she excelled all the days of her long and busy life. Phillip no doubt was reared either in the same home or near by for the two seem always to have kept in touch with one another and when Phillip moved West, Mary persuaded her husband to do likewise.

Mary had but one souvenir of her early childhood, a wax doll given her by the mother she but dimly remembered. This doll is now the prized possession of her grand-daughter, Mrs. Louis Dowling of Webster Groves, Missouri.

Mary was a tiny person standing only 4' 11" in height. She had very large dark brown sparkling eyes, a small oval face, dainty hands and feet and, even in old age, unusually red lips. She was a proud person and bore herself with an almost regal air. She was a mischevious little lady who loved to gossip, a pastime which kept her relatives and friends in constant turmoil. She seemed to delight in pitting them against each other and without doubt this unfortunate trait was responsible for the strained relations among her children.

So long as I knew her, she made her home with her only daughter, Margaret Call Killian, in East St. Louis, Illinois. She is buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, East St. Louis, Illinois.

Mary Jerome Call, Born Chazy, Clinton County, New York
daughter of

William Joseph Jerome and Margarette LeRoy Jerome
son of
Francis Jerome

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STATE OF VERMONT
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
MONTPELIER

October 13, 1939

I Hereby Certify *that the following is a correct transcript from the records in this office regarding the following soldier who served in the* REVOLUTIONARY WAR

JAMES CAIL

Revolutionary War Rolls

Page 29. Name appears in a pay roll of Captain John Benjamin's Company of Militia under the command of Colonel Joseph Marsh, August 16, 1777 to October 4, 1777, inclusive.

Page 799. Name appears in a roll of Zebulon Lyon's Company employed in service by order of Committee of Safety of Windsor in guarding the Committee at said Windsor and guarding Colonel Stone and others to Springfield. Seven days' service in August, 1777.

Page 819. Name appears in a muster roll of Captain Wait's Company. Enlisted August 7, 1776.

The Adjutant General.

THE ANCESTORS

of

SARAH MATILDA DIFFENDERFER

mother of

LAURA WITMER CALL (Page #10)

In the summer of 1727 the Ship William and Sarah sailed from Rotterdam arriving in Philadelphia in September of that year. On it were two brothers, Alexander and John Diffenderfer. Alexander settled in Olney Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, while John in 1728 loaded a wagon with household goods and family and drove until he came to a spot near the vicinity of what is now New Holland. His neighbors aided him in building a cabin, gave him flour and meat and a Mr. Bear gave him a cow.

The name Diffendorfer is also spelled Dubendorfer and Teevidarfor. Of his wife and children there is no record, but his grandson, Jacob, was born in New Holland in 1757 and died there in July, 1855. He married Barbara Baker or Becker of Norfolk, Virginia, daughter of Samuel Baker and Barbara Harding Baker. Of this marriage were born: Jacob and Samuel.

I. Jacob Diffenderfer - born New Holland, 1787; died June 16, 1861; On November 30, 1821 married Sarah McElroy, who was born July 29, 1802 and died July 5, 1878.

The children born to this union were:

1. Anna Catherine, August 31, 1822; married Henry W, Burke (2)Benjamin Waller.

2. Samuel Baker, died in infancy.

3. Rebecca Martha, January 2,1827; married Amos Eschelman.

4. Mahala, January 9, 1829, died in infancy.

5. Daniel Harding, September 1, 1830.

THE ANCESTORS OF SARAH MATILDA DIFFENDERFER, MOTHER OF

LAURA WITMER CALL (Continued)

6. Mary Eliza, March 14, 1833; married Daniel Witmer.

7. Sarah Matilda, June 7, 1836; married David Witmer.

8. Angalina McElroy, March 16, 1839; married Daniel Witmer (Mary's husband).

9. Jacob Henry, April 12, 1842.

Jacob Diffenderfer (1757-1855) served in the War of the Revolution, Jacob. b: 1787 served in and ~~also in the~~ War of 1812.

Revolutionary Service: Private, Captain Cas. Grienlymers 7th Co. 1st Battalion, Northampton Co. Militia, Lt. Col. Stephen Balliet, Commanding. (See Pennsylvania Archives 5th Series. Vol. 7. pp 507-519.)

war of 1812. Private under Captain D.S.W. Russell 2nd U.S. Artillery Regiment Jan 11- 1813 to April 1814

Pa. Archives 6th Series Vol IX - 332.
Sarah his wife received a pension.

NOTE: Data from

Diffenderfer Family Bible
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Historical Museum.

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THE
WITMER FAMILY

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The Witmer family is of Swiss origin, coming to America from Zurich. Three brothers came from Zurich: John, Michael and Benjamin.

John settled on the Little Conestoga Creek, three and one-half miles west of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on the Lancaster-Columbia Turnpike, in Manor Township, and was allotted two hundred acres. The first appraisal of the estate dates back to December 17, 1728.

The family lived on this land, in the same house until 1873, when the widow of David Witmer moved with her children from the farm to the nearby little community known as Locust Grove. It was in this house that Laura Witmer (See Call genology, Generation No. 8) was born and lived until shortly before her marriage. The house is still standing, with the family name and date of building in the lintel of the main doorway.

There is a Witmer Family Association in Lancaster County to which some three thousand (3000) persons belong, all descendents of the first settlers.

THE WITMER GENEOLOGY

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I. John Witmer - born 1687, died 1728; married Catherine born 1690 and died 1760.

The children born to this union were:

1. Michael, born 1714 in Switzerland; died September 1789, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; married Anna Long; died March 1792.

2. Elizabeth, married Christian Swartz.

3. Barbara, married George Kendig.

John Witmer was a landed proprietor and a religious refugee.

II. Michael Witmer, who married Anna Lang:

The children born to this union were:

1. John, born 1750; died 1817; married Elizabeth, born 1757; died 1840.

2. Herman, born July 22, 1753; died January 5, 1829. He was married about 1734 to Barbara Groff, born October 6, 1749 and died July 27, 1797. His second wife was Barbara Schucker, born October 15, 1779; died July 1, 1862.

3. Abraham, born 1756; died 1826; married Mary Swartz.

4. Ann Witmer, born 1760; died 1831; married Jacob Eberly.

5. Mary Witmer, born 1763; died 1789; married Jacob Knopp.

III. Herman Witmer, who married Barbara Groff about 1734.

Although Herman was the second son of Michael, he received the original tract of land, valued at £1600.

He was adapt at the following trades: shoe making, carpentering,

coopering, blacksmithing and grafting. It is to him that Pennsylvania is indebted for her famous Smoke House apples. The story goes that near the smoke house there grew a wild apple tree which bore an abundance of fruit of little or no value. Grandma Barbara complained bitterly about the tree, so Herman grafted it with a good variety and eventually developed the Smoke House Apple. He also conducted a distillery, a not unusual enterprise among farmers of those days, as any one knows who remembers the famous Whiskey Rebellion of Pennsylvania.

He was a great reader and at his death had collected a fine library, many of the books in the German Language. These he left as the nucleus of the first public library in Lancaster County.

He served in the Revolutionary War as a private in Captain Brandes' Company (Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. 7 - 5th Series) and as Ensign 8th, January 1799. He declined a commission in the Army, preferring to return to his farm (Pennsylvania Magazine History, Volume 38, page 159).

The children born to Herman Witmer and Barbara Groff were:

1. John, born May 10, 1785; died December 14, 1847. Married Anna Baer about 1810; born November 24, 1789; died May 31, 1854.

John was a doctor by profession. He took an active part in the political life of the community and subscribed to the Lancaster Assembly.

IV. John Witmer married Anna Baer about 1810, and the children born to this union were:

1. Benjamin, born 1811; died 1849. Married Anna Mumms, born 1816; died 1874.

2. Maria, born 1812; died 1897. Married Joseph Hostetter, born 1814; died 1879.

3. Anna Elizabeth, born 1815; died 1818.

4. Barbara, born 1817; died 1880; married Daniel Hess, born 1812; died 1872.

5. John B.Witmer, born 1820; died 1893; married Elizabeth Vandraw.

6. Anna B., born 1822; died 1892.

7. Jacob, born 1825; died 1854; married Mary E. Davis.

8. David Meiers, born 1828; died February 18, 1863; married January 28, 1854, Matilda Diffenderfer, born June 7, 1836; died November 7, 1925.

9. Eliza, born 1831; died 1836.

V. David Meiers Witmer and Sarah Matilda Diffenderfer:

Like his father, David Meiers Witmer was a doctor by profession. He saw service in the Civil War and there contracted tuberculosis, leaving his widow with five small daughters and a posthumous only son, born five months after his death. Sarah Matilda continued to live on the farm, renting most of it on shares and getting a great deal of spiritual and material help from Aunt and Uncle Hostetter (Maria Witmer and her husband) who owned an Inn on the Columbia Turnpike, not far from the "Silver Mines". Most of the land was cultivated for tobacco and it was a family jest that the Witmer girls got their good looks from the dew baths they received when

picking tobacco worms.

The children of this union were:

1. Laura Ann, born October 9, 1855; died January 2, 1936; Married April 1875 to Joseph Call, born June 11, 1852; died November 18, 1911.

2. Alexenia (Zenia), born August 26, 1857; died - Married: 1. Dr. Theopholis Fisher of Reading, Pa. 2. Edward Everett Strout of Lynn, Mass.

3. Irene Matilda, born July 5, 1859; died January 7, 1932. Married: 1. Edward Carmany of Florin, Pa. 2. Frank Cahoon of Swampscott, Mass.

4. Mary, born March 10, 1861; died - Married Jacob Shrite of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

5. Amy Katherine, born March 16, 1864; died June 4, 1933. Married J. Ezra Foltz of Deodate, Pa.

6. David Meiers, born July 16, 1865; died -

Laura Ann taught school at Locust Grove.

Zenia taught school at Millersville.

Katherine taught school at Florin.

David Meiers saw service in the Boxer Rebellion in China and in the Spanish American War, Cuba.

Laura Ann Witmer and Joseph Jesse Call, see Call Geneology, Generation VIII.

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NOTE: Witmer Data secured from Lancaster County Historical Society.

Witmer Date (Continued)

History of the Long Family of Pennsylvania 1680 -1930

(Published 1930 by William Gabriel Long.)

Family Records.

Biographical Annals of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Page 544.

Pennsylvania Archives - 3 Series Vol. XVII, page 810.

Tax list of Hempfield Township, Lancaster County in 1782.

Lancaster County Court House.

Register of Wills' Office:

Will Book "Y" - 2 - 92 - 1789 - Michael Witmer

Will Book "U" - 1 - 456 Dr. John Witmer

OUR PURITAN ANCESTORS WHO WERE IN CHARLESTOWN

BEFORE 1650

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Thomas Call and wife, Bennet, (Page #4)

John Call and wife, Hannah Kettel, (Page #5)

Richard Kettle and wife, Hester Ward, (Page #5)

Ryse Cole and wife, Mary Arnold, (Page #5 - third generation)

Richard Lowden and wife, Mary Cole (Page #5)

Ralph Sprague and wife, Joanna Corbin, (Page #6)

Thomas Green and wife, Sarah Wheeler, (See Sprague Family)

Isaac Wheeler and wife, Frances, (See Sprague Family)

THE SPRAGUE FAMILY

1. Edward Sprague, died 1614 Upway, Dorsetshire England. Married Christian. His three sons, Ralph, Richard and William came to America on the Ship Abigail in September, 1628 and landed in Salem, Mass. They went twelve miles west and settled on the spot which later became Charlestown, Mass. They were friendly to an Indian tribe there and were probably the first white men to ever have been there.

2. Ralph, eldest of the brothers, born about 1603. One of the founders of Charlestown and member of the first church of Boston, and was number four of those who left that church to found the first church at Charlestown, November 2, 1632. Married Joanna Corbin, daughter of John Corbin in England. He was constable and selectman several years and Representative to the General Court nine years. He was a Lieutenant in 1639. He was granted 100 acres at Charlestown. Died at Malden, 1650.

3. Samuel (Lieut), third child of Ralph, born 1632, Charlestown but lived in Malden. Married Rebecca Crawford in Boston, 1655; died 1696. His gravestone is in Malden.

4. Samuel, third child of Samuel, born in Malden, 1662; married Sarah Green about 1684. Had 11 children; died before 1738. His tenth child was

5. Abigail, born 1702; marrked Samuel Call about 1721. Her fourth child was James Call born 1728, Malden, Mass.

(See Page #6 Call Family.)

THE LOWDEN (OR LOUDEN) FAMILY

Richard Lowden (Sergeant) was an inhabitant of Charlestown in 1638. Born in England 1612. Married Mary Cole about 1640. Had nine children; died 1700. His eighth child was,

Martha, born Charlestown 1659; married Captain John Call, 1681; died 1729.

THE COLE FAMILY

1. Ryse Cole, inhabitant of Charlestown 1629. #14 of those who established the Church at Charlestown. Wife was Mary Arnold. Had five children; died 1646. His fourth child was,

2. Mary, who married Richard Lowden about 1648.

THE KETTELL FAMILY

1. Richard, born in England 1609. Was a butcher and cooper. Was sergeant of a company. Selectman for several years and was chosen sealer of weights and measures. Married Hester Ward about 1636. Had six children; died 1680. His first child was,

2. Hannah, Born 1637 Charlestown, Mass. Married John Call 1656; died 1689.

THE GREEN FAMILY

1. Thomas Green, born in Maldon 1651. Wife, Elizabeth, died August 2, 1658. He died December 19, 1667. His third child was,

2. Deacon John Green, born about 1632. Married Sarah Wheeler, December 18, 1660. She died December 1, 1717, age 74. John Green died October 16, 1707; age 75. His fourth child was,

3. Sarah, married Samuel Sprague about 1684. Their daughter Abigall married Samuel Call.

NOTE: Nathaniel Green was descended from Deacon Green.

THE WHEELER FAMILY

1. Isaac Wheeler, was an inhabitant of Charlestown in 1639. He was admitted to the church in 1642 and his wife, Frances, in 1645. His second child was,

2. Sarah, born March 16, 1643. She married Deacon John Green. See above.

Data from "History of the Call Family" by Simeon Call.

STATE OF VERMONT
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
MONTPELIER

October 13, 1939

I Hereby Certify *that the following is a correct transcript from the records in this office regarding the following soldier who served in the* REVOLUTIONARY WAR

HIRAM HORTON

Revolutionary War Rolls

Page 319. Name appears in a pay roll of Captain E. Wallis' Company of Militia for twenty-three days' service in October, 1780.

Page 397. Name appears in a pay roll of Captain William Hutchins' Company for services in the State of Vermont from the beginning of the campaign, 1781, to June 30, 1781, inclusive.

Page 568. Name appears in a pay roll of Captain William Hutchins' Company in the battalion commanded by Samuel Fletcher, Esq., Lt. Col., in the service of the State of Vermont, July 1, 1781 to November 12, 1781.

The Adjutant General.

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April 1814
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Service War 1812)
Sara, his wife, received a Pension

Witmer Data - Source of material.

Pennsylvania State Library, Harrisburg, Pa.; also Diffenderfor Family records.

History of the Long family of Pennsylvania, 1680-1930, published 1930 by William Gabriel Long.

Family Records:

Biographical Annals of Lancaster County, page 544.

John Witmer (1687-1728) was a religious refugee and landed proprietor.

Revolutionary Service of Herman Witmer: 5th Series, 7th volume, page 453, Pennsylvania Archives; Captain Brandes, Second Company, private.

Ensign 8th Company, January 1799, Lancaster County.

Commission declined.

Pennsylvania Magazine of History, Vol. 33, page 159.

Tax list 1782, Hempfield Township, Lancaster County Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume XVII, page 810.

Lancaster County Court House Register of Wills Office, Will Book Y-2-92, 1739, Michael Witmer.

Will Book, Volume 1, 456, Dr. John Witmer.

237 North Lime Street,
Lancaster, Pa., March 28 1950

Dear Mrs. Mace:

Many thanks for the John Witmer-Anna Baer line.

I have looked through many sources, and the only material I could find on McElroys is as follows:

Jacob Diffenderfer m. 1st Barbara Brimmer, on ~~11-30-18~~ 2-9-1808.
m. 2nd Sarah McElroy, on 11-30-1821; found in the New Holland (Trinity) Church records. Also -

Mary McElroy, dau. of Daniel and Rebecca McElroy,
b. 1-29-1810; d. 9-19-1832.

David McElroy m. Elizabeth Smith, of Conestoga Township, on 1-30-1821.

Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church:

.....h McElroy, d. Sept 1744, aged 63 yrs.

Thomas, Isaac and Robert, sons of John McElroy (no data on gravestones)

John McElroy, d. 2-19-1804, aged 76 yrs

Margaret McElroy, d. 11-9-1758, aged 70 yrs

Thomas McIllroie, d. 4-12-1747, aged 50 yrs

ZION Lutheran Church, Leacock, Pa.:

Henry McElroy, b. Aug 15 1796, d. Aug 15 1881, aged 85 yrs

I would be pleased to have the children of Jacob Diffenderfer.

Yours truly,

M. L. Heisey

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